

Country (Soviet Zone)		SECURITY INFORMATION		REPORT
TOPIC	Soviet Clothing Depot at Bernau			50X1-HUM
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED		50X1-HUM
DATE OF CONTENT				
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	25 September 1951	
REFERENCES				
PAGES	3	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)		
REMARKS				
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1. Observations made at the Soviet clothing depot in Bernau from 9 to 20 July 1951 indicate a considerable increase of the depot's capacity. Eight additional seamstresses were employed, and 12 new sewing machines, including eight heavy stitching machines, were installed in the uniform tailor shop. One of the storerooms was converted into a cutting and pressing room. The underwear shop also received eight new sewing machines. Another tailor shop with cutting room and 14 new sewing machines was established. *

2. Three trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the depot on the morning of 11 July, carrying canvas-covered goods. Four trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the depot on the morning of 16 July, allegedly going to Eberswalde. The cargo of three trucks was covered by tarpaulins and the fourth truck was loaded with boxes 1 x 1 x 1.5 meters. 50X1-HUM

3. In July 1951, it was learned that a train of 30 to 40 cars loaded with articles of clothing arrived almost daily at the Soviet clothing depot in Bernau. [redacted]

[redacted] The rate of outgoing shipments of articles of clothing was about the same as that of incoming shipments. Shipments observed leaving the depot were dispatched to Frankfurt/Oder-border.

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5. It was learned that the Soviet personnel in Depot No II, excluding officers and military officials, numbered about 70 PM, most of ~~whom~~ were recruits. A lieutenant colonel was the commandant of the depot [redacted] There were about 100 German workers. The depot buildings were [redacted] heavily guarded inside by sentries. [redacted]

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* [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the former Soviet clothing depot, 53/2 96, in the former German Army clothing depot No I on Weissenseestrasse and depot No II on Boernickerstrasse. The depot is important as it rents old uniforms and manufactures new uniforms and underwear. The raw material delivered to the depot comes from the Soviet Zone of Germany and also directly from the U.S.S.R. An increase in its output seems possible.

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